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Deputy Grace Boland,
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To ask the Minister for Health if her Department collects data on the number of women travelling abroad for endometriosis treatment under the EU Cross-Border Directive; and if not, whether she will commit to tracking this data to better understand unmet need; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Boland,

Thank you for your parliamentary question referenced above which has been forwarded to me for direct response.

In general, the Cross Border Directive (CBD) allows public patients to access healthcare in another EU/EEA country, which they are entitled to access in Ireland. The patient pays for the treatment up front and claims reimbursement upon return to Ireland. Reimbursement is at the cost of the treatment abroad or the cost of the treatment in Ireland whichever is the lesser. Public patient pathways as they apply to accessing the healthcare in Ireland equally apply to accessing the healthcare abroad under the CBD.

As the role of the National Contact Point (NCP) for cross border healthcare is specific to providing information and processing applications, we have not been recording information specific to treatments, diagnosis or procedures. The information recorded by the NCP is in respect of specialty.

However, at the request of the Minister Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, Minister for Health, we conducted a review of all the reimbursements in respect of healthcare accessed under the specialty of gynaecology for the year 2024. As part of that review, any reimbursements, which mentioned endometriosis, were recorded. It must be noted, that this review was conducted by administrative staff as a general guide to identify where endometriosis was mentioned in the reimbursement. It must also be noted, the documentation reviewed was documentation



pertaining to an application for reimbursement and not patients' comprehensive clinical records. The following table show the numbers of claims for reimbursements under the CBD in respect of gynaecology and the second table is the data for the applications where endometriosis was mentioned in the application.

Breakdown of DRG codes for all 226 Gynae Cases in 2024 as follows:				
DRG Code	Total	Day Case	Inpatient	Outpatient
N08Z	38	7	31	
N07A	15		15	
N04A	9		9	
N06A	7		7	
G02B	2		2	
N04B	31	1	30	
N10Z	10	8	2	
B06A	1		1	
N05B	2		2	
N06B	5	1	4	
N09Z	6	4	2	
N10Z	2		2	
N12C	2		2	
N62B	2	2	0	
N11B	1	1	0	
N05A	1		1	
N11A	1		1	
G01C	1		1	
G02C	2		2	



G03B	1		1	
L06B	1		1	
L06C	1		1	
L08B	1	1	0	
I40Z	1	1	0	
Consultation	83		0	83
TOTAL	226	26	117	83



Breakdown of codes for the endometriosis cases under CBD - 2024				
DRG Code	Day Case	Inpatient	Outpatient	Total
N08Z	2	14		16
N07A		14		14
N04A		7		7
N06A		3		3
G02B		2		2
N04B		2		2
N10Z	2			2
B06A		1		1
N05B		1		1
N06B				0
N09Z				0
N10Z				0
N12C				0
N62B				0
N11B	1			1
N05A		1		1
N11A		1		1
G01C		1		1
G02C		2		2
G03B				0
L06B				0
L06C				0
L08B				0
I40Z				0
Consultation			4	4
TOTAL	5	49	4	58



As this information was not previously recorded by the NCP, the HSE has committed to recording diagnosis and procedure information in respect of future applications for reimbursement to the scheme. To implement this change and facilitate the recording of the information patients are now required to submit a copy of their discharge summary and consultation notes from the healthcare provider abroad. I can confirm that the NCP has requested changes to the application form and the website so that patients will be aware this additional information is now required to be submitted. We await the updating of the information and forms as soon as possible to facilitate the recording of this information by the HSE Digital Team.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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